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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ARGO Meeting - Room 213 - EOB, 0930-1345,
June 17, 1970

1. The meeting was chaired by [] and opened promptly with the briefing by [] on diffraction pattern research. The briefing was well delivered and there were several questions. Several ARGO members were obviously well-informed with the state-of-the-art involved. [] asked [] if it would be useful to NPIC to have a stated interest from his office in the research; [] replied in the affirmative. [] also requested a further briefing as the diffraction signature project advanced.

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2. The next briefing was given by [] (NPIC) on the Rumanian floods. Again there was considerable discussion and our briefers performed well. I had introduced them and prefaced the briefing with remarks that while not our normal function, we recognized the importance of the interest and pleased we could cooperate. I also commented on the 1110-1 & 2 coverage of Rumania and lack of coverage of Peru.

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3. The next briefing was on the Peru earthquake coverage. This was a "mixed bag" of policy statements. While confusing, reasons did appear for the vagueness. Apparently RC-135s were available. Also apparently, no one actually requested air coverage. Behind all this, it seems that the delicate political relation to Peru of the U.S. precluded clarity in the matters of aid and photo coverage. (When doctors were offered, they were (reportedly) refused.) It boiled down to "Peru did not request air photo coverage". The Peru situation may lead to clarification of policy in future cases -- and I assume this will involve the role of the Ambassador and the Embassy section chiefs with State and other agencies. Satellite coverage, of course, is politically in a different situation and decisions can be made in Washington without, necessarily, reference to the field.

4. [] briefed on the experiment of using the U-2 to test the Return Beam Vidicon. [] is under [] NASA contract in connection with ERTS satellite program. The return beam vidicon camera described in this briefing is essentially the same system as that to be used in the Earth Resources Satellite. The system employs a newly developed RCA pick-up tube which has a 5000 line scan format (a standard pick-up tube has a 525 line scan format). When flown at an altitude of 70,000 feet, as opposed to

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satellite altitudes, the system (using the eight inch lens), produced ground resolutions in the order [redacted] NASA's [redacted] seemed pleased with the performance that the system displayed.

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5. [redacted] briefed on status of Gulf Coast (Texas to Florida) coverage (requested by ARGO and OEP and approved by COMIREX). CIA (in the West) and AF (in the East) are covering. Film is processed at Westover and the comment made that Westover needed the activity and experience. It is delivered to Reston. Quality has been excellent for disaster purposes (IRIS II) but not too useful for mapping at this time. However, after several conflicting statements it seemed that in 9 months a modified rectifier will be available to make the IRIS II camera film useful for mapping. KH-4 photography is still preferred due to easier handling. U-2s were used in context of training missions - no special flights.

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6. The Disaster Task Force report was discussed briefly and postponed for a few days as General Lincoln had made some organizational changes in OEP - establishing an Emergency Operations Center. This will be reflected in the report. Changes in the report to reflect mainly security improvements [redacted] CIA/SEC) were made by memorandum from Guthe to [redacted] the Chairman of the Disaster Group - (I added a few similar changes by supplemental memo - Guthe [redacted] spoke of appreciation for NPIC's help, importantly the design and production of unclassified "spectaculars" (briefing boards).

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7. New Business

- [redacted] is about half-way through a round-robin of talks with the civil agencies' sub-cabinet officers regarding ARGO matters. He hopes to review and reopen the matter of ARGO charter -- extend, modify or eliminate its activities.
- Next ARGO Meeting in late July and then in September
- [redacted] (CIA/SEC) had requested a new update list of TK clearances in civil agencies which are justified for ARGO
- [redacted] USGS, reported a requirement for high altitude air coverage of the U.S. He will distribute later a justification paper.

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